

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

UNCLAS LJUBLJANA 000207

SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/NCE VTRIM AND NP/ECC
CBP/INA FOR WLAWRENCE
VIENNA FOR ICE ATTACHE
ZAGREB FOR JFRIEDMAN
USDOE/NNSA FOR TPERRY

E.O. 12958:N/A

TAGS: [ETTC](#) [MNUC](#) [PARM](#) [PREL](#) [KSTC](#) [KNNP](#) [HR](#) [SI](#)

SUBJECT: EXBS: SLOVENIA AND CROATIA PROGRAM ADVISORS MONTHLY
REPORTING CABLE-MARCH 2005

[1](#)1. SUMMARY: Meetings were held in Zagreb to finalize efforts to put the TRACKER program online. The Croatian Maritime Police exhibited their maritime unit in Split to demonstrate their need for more modern equipment. Sixty radiation pagers were turned over to the Croatian Border Police. With the April 8, 2005 scheduled closure of the Ljubljana EXBS office approaching, out briefings were held with several agencies. Arrangements have been made to introduce the new EXBS Advisor, Anne Galer, during a visit the first week of April 2005. The EXBS apartment was burglarized during preparations for the office closing with the loss of some government equipment.

Slovenia

[1](#)I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS

[1](#)A. The EXBS office in Ljubljana will be closed effective April 8, 2005. The office will re-open in May in Zagreb, Croatia with a newly assigned EXBS Advisor.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD.

[1](#)A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

[1](#)1. The 2005 Export Standards report was completed and sent to Washington on March 30, 2005.

[1](#)B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

[1](#)1. None.

EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE TRAINING PERIOD.

[1](#)1. None.

IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE.

[1](#)1. None.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NON PROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.

[1](#)1. None.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

[1](#)1. During a TDY absence of the EXBS Advisor, the Advisors apartment in Ljubljana was burglarized between March 15 and 16, 2005. Electronic items (primarily computer equipment) belonging to EXBS were stolen, along with personal objects. The Slovene police are investigating.

CROATIA

[1](#)I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS.

[1](#)A. With the scheduled closure of the Ljubljana EXBS office on April 8, 2005 there will be gap in coverage for Croatia. The new EXBS Advisor, Anne Galer, will open an EXBS office in Zagreb in May. Ms. Galer will be in Zagreb the first week in April, with the outgoing Advisor, for introductions to both Embassy and Croatian contacts as well as a briefing on the current status of EXBS.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD.

[1](#)A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

[1](#)1. EXBS Advisor, Mr. Justin Friedman from the Zagreb Embassy and Mr. Bob Paulson from the State Department met at the Ministry of Economy in Zagreb to discuss the TRACKER program. Attempts by the Ministry to use the program have not been successful. It was decided that the problem lay in the physical equipment at the Ministry. Additional equipment, to include a server and workstations, along with

training will be provided by the TRACKER program. It is anticipated that the purchase of this equipment, in approximately sixty days, will give the Ministry sufficient

time to complete an MOU with the State Department regarding the acceptance of the equipment and program.

12. On March 9, 2005 the EXBS Advisor was invited to Split, Croatia to observe a maritime unit of the Police. The training and morale of the crew of the maritime unit visited, patrol vessel P14, appeared very good. The vessel itself, a 41-foot civilian appearing twin diesel, was well maintained but built in 1990. Equipment on the vessel was very basic and a separate report was filed on this visit.

13. The full Tracker program has arrived in Croatia. An evaluation of it will be conducted in the next couple of months to determine how it is functioning and any further equipment requirements.

14. Sixty radiation pagers that had arrived for the Croatian Police were turned over to them on March 2, 2005. The police renewed their request for an additional 150 pagers to try to give coverage to more of Croatia's 199 official border crossings.

15. A meeting was held with Croatian Customs regarding the PASS training held in December. Despite e-mail help from the manufacturer's trainer, the Croatian Customs are still unable to get the units to perform correctly. The Croatian Customs has requested that a second visit from the manufacturer be arranged. The units have never worked properly. Additional PASS units and training are proposed for Bosnia this coming summer. Rather than a special visit, the EXBS Advisor recommends that either the PASS trainer stop in Croatia before or after this training or that two Croatian Customs officers attend the training in Bosnia. The Belgrade EXBS Advisor believes that the Croatians would be welcome in Bosnia and will pursue this avenue if it is felt to be the more advantageous method.

1B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

1. None.

1C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

1. Sixty radiation pagers valued at \$80,000.

1D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE.

1. RADACAD is slated for the week of June 20-24, 2005 in Hanford, Washington. 22 participants are expected from the Croatian Police, Customs and Office for Radiological Protection.

2. Radiation Detection and Response, being offered by DTRA, is scheduled for the week of July 18, 2005. This course will include an equipment delivery of almost \$250,000.

3. Advanced seaport training has been accepted by Croatian Customs. This training will be held in the United States. An exact date, probably late summer 2005, is being determined by Customs and Border Protection.

1E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NON PROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.

1. None.

III. RED FLAG ITEMS.

1. None.

ROBERTSON

NNNN

2005LJUBLJ00207 - Classification: UNCLASSIFIED